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MEMORANDUM FOR: Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT: Comment on Draft Executive Order Attached

1. CIA has been represented on the Expanded Board of the Foreign Service. This Board is being abolished under Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1965. The attached draft Executive Order establishes a Board of the Foreign Service to replace the abolished Board. Mr. Helms was the CIA representative on the old Board. He should be asked whether he feels it is appropriate or necessary that CIA be represented on the new Board.

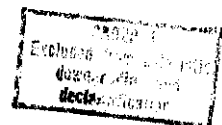
2. Section 2 of the Executive Order states that membership of the Board shall be determined by the Secretary of State and shall include representatives of those federal departments and agencies determined by him to be substantially engaged in foreign affairs programs. This wording should be changed if we do not desire to be represented on the Board.

3. Second, the draft Order states that such representatives shall be designated "in accordance with such criteria as the Secretary of State may prescribe." Perhaps it would be prudent to have this phraseology deleted.

4. Our experience on the old Expanded Board of the Foreign Service demonstrated that seldom were there items on the agenda that CIA could discuss in an open meeting and make any meaningful contribution. Perhaps some wording might be introduced into the draft Order which would permit CIA representatives to discuss sensitive matters with the Chairman of the Board in camera.

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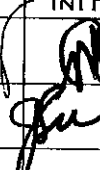
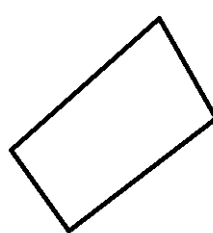
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5. It is also noted that the draft Order permits the Secretary of State to name to serve on the Board "members of the public who specially informed by knowledge and experience with respect to foreign affairs matters." Under these circumstances it seems that the Board, as envisaged in the draft Executive Order, would constitute much too large a forum for serious discussions of our personnel and other problems.

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